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Date: April 12 & 13, 2016

## Description: Board OKs \$38 K so Nevada DMV voter registration complies with law

A Nevada board wants to spend \$38,000 to rework voter registration forms provided by the DMV so they comply with federal law.

The Nevada Board of Examiners voted Tuesday to approve the spending. It will also need legislative approval later this week.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) formally complained last month that forms available at the DMV violate the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The act specifies that applications for driver's licenses should serve as a voter registration application and that a change of address with the DMV should also update a voter's registration.

The ACLU says the Nevada DMV requires voters to fill out separate forms for both.

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Date: April 14 & 15, 2016

# Description: Rep. Mark Amodei to host veterans' town hall meeting in Fallon

Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nevada 2, will be hosting a veterans' town hall meeting in Fallon on Monday, May 2, according to a news release from the congressman's office.

The event will run from 10 a.m. until noon at the Fallon City Council Chambers located at 55 W. Williams Ave., the statement read.

"This veterans' town hall in Fallon continues our efforts across Nevada to meet with and listen to veterans regarding the issues and challenges they face," said Amodei. "In addition to thanking them for their service, this is also an opportunity for veterans to learn about the assistance my office can provide."

Representatives from federal agencies serving veterans will also be at the meeting.

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**Date: April 15, 2016** 

# Description: New law leads to 'winner take all primary' in 4 Nevada districts

A change to the upcoming primary election in Nevada made headlines this week.

Some voters got the impression they would be left out in certain races where only candidates from one party were running. Sen. James Settelmeyer, R-Nevada, says the new election law doesn't leave anyone out.

The law in question is Senate Bill 499, which was passed in the final days of the 2015 legislature and took effect on Oct. 1, 2015.

Lawmakers behind the bill say the goal was to increase ballot access for minor party candidates. "It succeeded in that goal, if you look at the number of libertarians that filed in the state of Nevada, it's at an all-time high," said Settelmeyer.

This week, a different aspect of the law came to light. In races where only one party is running, it will be a winner take all in the primary, directly affecting the Republican race in Assembly District 26.

Since you have to be registered with a certain party to participate in their primary, some say Democrats and Independents are being left out of this race.

Sen. Settelmeyer said otherwise, "They have the opportunity to change their party and participate and then switch back. We've seen that in the presidential election."

If you identify as a Democrat or Independent, but you want to make the choice between Jason Guinasso and Lisa Krasner, all you have to do is register as a Republican before the primary on June 14, 2016. Afterward, you can switch back to your party before the general election.

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Date: April 14 & 15, 2016

#### **Description: US Senate passes Nevada Native Nations Land Act**

The U.S. Senate has passed the bipartisan Nevada Native Nations Land Act.

The legislation would transfer land into a trust for six Nevada tribes: the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, according to a news release from the office of Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nevada.

The bill hands over 71,000 acres of land currently used by the federal government. It's meant to allow the tribes to expand housing, provide economic development opportunities and promote cultural activities, according to the statement.

"This legislation has been a long time coming. I'm proud the Senate acted to empower Nevada tribal leaders to make key decisions surrounding new housing developments, outdoor recreational areas, and cultural activities. These are the ones who know how best to use it in order to create local jobs and economic development. That's the way it should be. I'd like to thank Senator Reid for his leadership to advance this priority," said Heller.

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**Date: April 16, 2016** 

#### Description: Nevada Gov. Sandoval endorses Kasich, will be campaign co-chair

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval is endorsing Ohio Gov. John Kasich to be the next Republican nominee for president. Kasich's campaign announced Sandoval's support in a statement Saturday.

Sandoval will also serve as a national co-chair of Kasich's campaign. In the statement, Sandoval describes Kasich as the only candidate with "a real plan."

Kasich says he is grateful for Sandoval's endorsement.

As recently as last month, Sandoval said he would support whoever became the GOP nominee. He had caucused for Florida Sen. Marco Rubio before he dropped out of the race.

Some Republicans have said they would support a third-party bid rather than back Donald Trump. The businessman is the only candidate with a realistic chance of reaching the 1,237 delegates needed to clinch the nomination.

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Date: May 16, 2016

# Description: Nevada Democrats: Sanders campaign has violent streak

Nevada's Democratic party on Monday warned the Democratic National Committee that Sen. Bernie Sanders' supporters have a penchant for violence and may seek to disrupt the party's national convention in July, as they did during the Nevada convention Saturday.

The allegation is the latest fallout from a divisive Nevada Democratic convention that had to be shut down because security at the Paris Las Vegas hotel could no longer ensure order on Saturday night. The gathering closed with some Sanders supporters throwing chairs; later, some made death threats against state party chairwoman Roberta Lange.

Sanders' backers had been protesting convention rules that ultimately led to Hillary Clinton winning more pledged delegates. Clinton won the state's caucuses in February, 53-47, but Sanders backers hoped to pick up extra delegates by packing county and state party gatherings.

Sanders had released a statement Friday night asking supporters to work "together respectfully and constructively" at the convention. But the state party alleged in its letter to the co-chairs of the DNC Rules and By-laws committee, "The explosive situation arose in large part because a portion of the community of Sanders delegates arrived at the Nevada Democratic State Convention believing itself to be a vanguard intent upon sparking a street-fight rather than attending an orderly political party process."

Michael Briggs, a Sanders campaign spokesman, said, "We do not condone violence or encourage violence or even threats of violence." He added that the campaign "had no role in encouraging the activity that the party is complaining about. We have a First Amendment and respect the rights of the people to make their voices heard."

On Saturday, Sanders backers shouted down the keynote speaker, Sen. Barbara Boxer, and others they thought were tilting the rules in Clinton's favor. Protesters shouted obscenities and rushed the dais to protest rulings. The letter by the state party's general counsel, Bradley S. Schrager, warns that similarly chaotic scenes could unfold in Philadelphia, site of the Democratic National Committee's July convention.

"We believe, unfortunately, that the tactics and behavior on display here in Nevada are harbingers of things to come as Democrats gather in Philadelphia in July for our National Convention," Schrager wrote. "We write to alert you to what we perceive as the Sanders campaign's penchant for

extra-parliamentary behavior indeed, actual violence in place of democratic conduct in a convention setting, and furthermore what we can only describe as their encouragement of, and complicity in, a very dangerous atmosphere that ended in chaos and physical threats to fellow Democrats."

Several Sanders backers have condemned some of the threats against Lange and other actions Saturday. Former state assemblywoman Lucy Flores, a current congressional candidate, said in a statement: "There were actions over the weekend and at the Democratic convention that very clearly crossed the line. Progressives need to speak out against those: Making threats against someone's life, defacing private property, and hurling vulgar language at our female leaders."

State party offices remained closed Monday for security reasons after Sanders supporters posted Lange's home and business addresses, email and cell phone number online. Copies of angry and threatening texts to Lange were included with the letter.

Lange said she'd been receiving hundreds of profanity-laced calls and texts from inside and outside of the U.S., threatening her life and her family. Lange said the restaurant where she works has received so many calls it had to unplug the phone.

"It is endless, and the longer it goes the worse it gets," Lange said in an interview. "I feel threatened everywhere I go."

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**Date: May 16, 2016** 

# Description: GOP state convention wrapped up in Reno yesterday

The GOP convention today discussed the state platform and pre-primary endorsements. Each county party has put together a platform and submitted it to the state.

"The state has gathered all those platforms and put together a state platform that discusses things like common Republican principles, we're in favor of smaller government, we're in favor of education, we're in favor of gun rights," said Chris Forbush, Candidate for Assembly District 40, Carson City.

A number of issues came up before the state republican party. It took hours to discuss whether or not they should adopt the platform.

"It's been largely positive, there hasn't been many people getting up and scrapping with one another, as you might expect as you've heard in the news from some of the local parties, and so it's been largely positive, people are really excited, they're in favor of change," said Forbush.

Aside from the discussion of the platform, the convention moved to the pre-primary endorsements.

Each of the candidates in the different races have been vetted so that delegates can discover whether or not they are in line with the republican principles.

"Pay attention to the primaries, the local candidates who are going to be coming up in the republican or democratic primary across the state are going to need people's votes," said Forbush.

The paper ballots were collected and brought to the republican office in Carson City. Votes will be counted by May 21.

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#### **Date: June 14, 2016**

## **Description: Primary voter turnout just 21 percent in Washoe County**

About one in five registered voters in Washoe County cast a ballot in Tuesday's primary, according to the unofficial results released late Tuesday night.

The 21 percent turnout was a slight drop from the 23 percent of voters that participated in the 2014 primary election in the county.

The silver lining in the low turnout was short lines at many of the 78 polling places.

Just over 100 ballots had been cast at Marvin Moss Elementary School in Sparks by noon, according to the polling place manager, and voters experienced nonexistent lines at Wooster High School in Reno for much of the day.

"This is very slow," Dennis Romeo, who voted at Wooster High School Tuesday afternoon, said. "We literally walked right in and voted. We hadn't even been in there for five minutes."

Early voting, absentee voting and mail-in voting made up 12 percent of the turnout, meaning over half of voters did not walk in to a polling place to vote on Election Day.

Still, the low turnout across the board discouraged some longtime voters.

"We all complain about our government but very few people actually do anything," Romeo said.
"The fact that there's no one here right now shows that there's apathy."

Twenty-two percent of registered Democrats voted and 28 percent of Republicans voted on Tuesday.

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